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## LIVE WIRE KILLS TWO

Startling Midnight Tragedy on  
King Street.

## ONE NATIVE, ONE HAOLE DEAD

Hawaiian Cabman and His Horse  
First to Go.

## 1000 VOLTS STRUCK SOLDIER

Tom Hannan, Enlisted Man of En-  
gineers—Government Wire—Short  
Chastly Scene.

At 1 o'clock this morning two dead  
men were lifted from the mud in front  
of No. 1 Fire Station on King street,  
placed in the police patrol wagon and  
taken to the morgue.

One corpse was that of a Hawaiian,  
the other that of an American.

The two men were killed by contact  
with a live wire of the Government  
Electric Lighting system.

A dead hack horse, that had been  
driven by the native, and the vehicle,  
obstructed the thoroughfare.

A current of about 1,000 volts dealt  
out the death.

The Hawaiian was Aloheka, of the  
IXL hack stand. He had been in the  
business a long time and was well  
known.

Tom Hannan is the name of the dead  
soldier. He was a member of Company  
L, of the battalion of United States  
Army engineers at Camp McKinley.

Hannan was aged 28, was a pressman,  
a resident of San Francisco, where he  
had been employed in various print-  
ing offices. He was not married. He  
came to the Coast from Tennessee sev-  
eral years ago.

A survivor of the muddering electric-  
ity is Chas. Geertz, a San Franciscan  
of the same company as was Hannan.  
He received a shock which rendered  
him unconscious for some seconds.

The native cabman and his horse  
were killed first. Mrs. N. F. Burgess,  
who lives opposite the fire station with  
her son, the physician, saw the fire  
flashing from the wires, heard the rig  
approaching, heard the sounds of the  
collision and the Hawaiian moaning.  
She had arisen to look after some  
windows that she thought might ad-  
mit rain. A sharp shower was in  
progress at the time.

Hannan and Geertz were on the way  
to Camp McKinley in the hack of Joe  
Rosa. They saw the obstruction  
ahead. Rosa pulled up. Hannan and  
Geertz went to the body of the Hawai-  
ian. Hannan took hold of Aloheka  
and was killed in an instant. Geertz  
took hold of Aloheka and was prostrated  
like a flash.

Chas. Thurston, foreman at No. 1  
Engine House, was on watch. Dr.  
Winslow, of the Government dispens-  
ary had come from his room in the  
place, attracted by the indistinct and  
unusual noises. Thurston was first to

reach the bodies. He shouted to Dr.  
Winslow to keep back. The physician  
did not heed the warning and on  
touching one of the bodies received a  
shock that stunned him and burned his  
clothing, but he was able to keep on  
his feet.

Thurston pulled from the wire the  
struggling Geertz and deserves recog-  
nition for bravery and presence of  
mind.

Aloheka and his horse were killed  
about 12:30 and Hannan and Geertz  
came along but an instant later.  
Geertz says he knew there was a rig  
ahead of the one in which he was rid-  
ing. He heard it.

Hackman Rosa, when he saw that  
there was death in the street and some-  
thing at work that laid men low as  
fast as they came, turned and drove  
rapidly as he could to the police sta-  
tion. Thurston telephoned to Central  
and to the Government Electric Sta-  
tion.

Lieut. Gardner was watch officer at  
the police station. He went to the  
scene of the death revel, taking with  
him Espinda, Jackson and others.  
Guards were placed either side of the  
plain of mud in which were the bodies  
of the horse and the men. Lights  
were brought. The Burgesses placed  
large lamps on the lanais, illuminat-  
ing the street.

A crowd of thirty or forty people out  
late came to look.

Chas. Geertz, the man who survived  
what portion he was subjected to of the  
shock that killed Hannan was taken  
into the fire station. In a few minutes  
he was able to talk, though greatly  
excited and weeping and almost wait-  
ing for the fearful end of his chum.  
Said Geertz: "I thought I saw a man  
lying in the mud and called to the  
driver to pull up. It was raining  
hard, but he heard me." Tom and I  
approached the body, thinking it might  
be one of our friends from camp, as a  
number of the boys were in town.  
Tom said, 'We must get him up and  
out of this.' Tom caught hold of the  
man and fell beside him. At the same  
instant I touched the man and down I  
went. I was hurt for only a minute or  
so. I remember hearing our driver  
leave with his outfit as he shouted  
something. He was scared half to  
death and wanted to get away. Dr.  
Winslow and the fire house foreman  
came along just then. Tom was a  
mighty good boy in every way and we  
were close friends. We had been  
around town all evening and had en-  
gaged the Portuguese hack driver to  
take us home. The foreman, Mr.  
Thurston, pulled me away and saved  
my life and I pray God to bless him  
for it."

Chas. Thurston noticed the short  
circuit some time before the native and  
horse were killed and tried to tele-  
phone the fact of trouble, but on ac-  
count of the wet weather and the  
trouble with the wires there was diffi-  
culty in getting connection and mak-  
ing a message understood. Mr. Thur-  
ston supposes that the wire was hang-  
ing down. His idea was to get some  
police there to keep people from rush-  
ing into danger. He supposes the  
native driver's horse was first struck and  
that the hackman left the seat to in-  
vestigate and was killed before he  
could find out what had happened.

John Marshall, Al. Smith, Mr. Ranier  
and others of the Fire Station were  
early at the place. Marshall is an  
electrician and knew what the trouble  
was and appreciated the great danger  
to any who might happen that way.  
He was active in seeing that all were  
warned if possible. Smith took care  
of Geertz for some time, comforting  
and quieting the distracted soldier.

Dr. G. Waldo Burgess was prompt in  
coming to the assistance of Dr. Wins-  
low. The briefest examination satis-  
fied the physicians that Aloheka and  
Hannan were past all help. Dr. Em-  
erson was at the morgue when the bod-  
ies arrived and made an official exam-  
ination. He will submit an extended  
report to the police department for  
use in the investigation.

Stearns Buck, superintendent of the  
Government Electric Light Works.

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## NEW MAN LIKED

Favorable Impression Made By the  
Chinese Consul.

## SUCCESS OF RECEPTION TO HIM

Hall of United Society Thronged  
With Leading Citizens—Some  
of the Guests Seen.

The reception of the Chinese soci-  
eties and merchants to Consul Yang  
Wei Pin and his secretary, took place  
in the rooms of the United Chinese So-  
ciety from 3 to 5 yesterday afternoon.



YANG WEI PIN,  
Chinese Consul.

For the occasion the great hall of the  
society was elaborately decorated with  
flowers and green vines. In the dining  
room light lunch and refreshments  
were served during all of the two  
hours. J. W. Chapman was in charge  
there.

Guests were met at the top of the  
stairs by a committee consisting of  
Chim Ming, Lee Chu, C. Hock Chow,  
and C. Yark Nam. Chu Gem, T. Kat  
Poo, C. Ding Sin and Yim Quon in-  
troduced the guests. Goo Kim, Wong  
Kwai, Ahlo and W. Y. Afong enter-  
tained the visitors in the club rooms.  
A native orchestra furnished music.  
The following were among the large  
number of people present:

Minister Damon, Attorney-General  
Smith, Chief Justice Judd, Associate  
Justice Whiting, Judge Perry, Judge  
Peterson, Postmaster-General Oat,  
Collector of Customs McStocker, Gen-  
eral King, Minister Sewall, Consul  
Haywood, Consul Kenny, Consul Vos-  
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J. S. Walker, T. R. Walker, George  
W. Smith, M. D. Monsarrat, A. B.  
Wood, Marshal Brown, Fred. B. Oat,  
Capt. L. T. Kenake, George L. Desha,  
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H. A. Bartlett, Wm. H. Wright, Cap-  
tain Springett, Captain Draper, W.  
Horace Wright, E. Norrie, L. A. Ros-  
tin, Rev. J. F. Lane, Commander Taus-  
sig, Ensign Campbell, Cadet Hayden,  
Charles Creighton, Rev. T. D. Garvin,  
J. G. Spencer, Mr. F. W. Damon and  
57 pupils from Mills College.

Mr. Yang Wei Pin, the new Consul,  
was quite at ease as the chief man of  
honor in the notable gathering. He is  
an individual of striking appear-  
ance and in his rich native costume  
would attract attention in a company  
of hundreds. He looks to the manor  
born and is already tremendously pop-  
ular in the Chinese colony. The con-  
sulate headquarters for the present will  
be in the rooms of the United Chinese  
Society, where the reception was held  
yesterday. So soon as the new offi-  
cial gets his bearings thoroughly he  
will establish himself nicely in a fine  
mansion facing Thomas Square. The  
attaches of the legation, First and Sec-

ond Secretaries are bright and pre-  
possessing young men of the race. The  
first secretary speaks English quite  
well.

## Centipede and Suicide.

L. H. Hough was preserving a catch  
of centipedes for a customer at the  
Hobron Drug Co.'s yesterday when it  
was noticed that one of the collection  
had developed a peculiar mark. In-  
vestigation established that the centipede  
had died from a self-inflicted sting.  
The man who owned the group said  
that he chloroformed them and that  
one, resisting the drug, had snapped  
its fangs into itself several times.

## Theatricals Tonight.

This is the evening of the Kilohana  
Art League's plays in the Opera house.  
All the lower floor seats have been  
sold, and only a few gallery chairs re-  
main. The entertainment will begin  
at 8 o'clock sharp and music will be  
furnished by the Amateur orchestra.

## Permanent Popular Theater.

A local syndicate has made an offer  
to C. S. Desky for lease of a lot on the  
Ewa side of Fort street, opposite the  
Central fire station. It is proposed to  
build upon the land a theater. The  
purpose of the company is to establish  
a play house where good attractions  
will be put on at very low prices. At  
times there will be vaudeville com-  
panies and at other times plays will  
be presented. The enterprise is one  
which a number of observing gentle-  
men here have had in mind for some  
time. It is likely that the deal will be  
closed at once and that work on the  
house will be rushed so that it can be  
opened during the holiday season. The  
city will be given a new feature of a  
first class quality and under reliable  
auspices.

## Bad Ones Must Go.

The local police department has  
adopted an approved western way of  
handling some of the disreputable  
characters now floating to these shores  
in considerable numbers. Within the  
past fortnight a number of the men  
and women coming down from San  
Francisco rather for the good or the  
purification of that city, have been  
quietly talked to by representatives of  
the Marshal's office here. They have  
been informed in positive terms that  
if they engaged in some decent calling  
here or behaved themselves they were  
welcome to remain. Otherwise, it  
would be required that they depart,  
standing not upon the order of their  
going, or take the consequences. There  
have been a number of departures and  
there are still a number of names on  
the list.

## After the Counterfeiter.

A warrant is out for the arrest of  
Ed. Aldrich, an ex-special police, on  
the charge of counterfeiting Hawai-  
ian treasury notes. A complete plan  
for making the bogus bills was found  
in his room yesterday. Soon after the  
warrant was issued Aldrich disappeared.  
A careful police search is being  
made for him.

## WOULDN'T STAY HOME.

She wouldn't stay at home. This is  
the remark a man was heard to make  
in regard to his wife; but how could  
he blame her when she could get such  
bargains at L. B. Kerr's. See his  
"specials" for Friday and Saturday.

## MERIT VS. TALK.

It is all right to claim this wheel  
or that wheel as the "only best" but  
the only practical and sure test is  
merit. Merit wears indefinitely while  
talk wears itself out. The STERLING  
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the way it stands up under hard usage.  
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